

# Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 25th Infantry Division Artillery

Aloha and welcome to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division Artillery (DIVARTY), Tropic Thunder! You are joining us at an incredible time as we are aggressively standing a world class DIVARTY organization that aims to set the standard across our Army in its support to our Division. Our motto is “Tropic Thunder!” because we, the Artillery, bring the Thunder to the Division’s fight. As a member of the Tropic Thunder Ohana, (Hawaiian for family) you will get to live and serve in one of the most beautiful places in the world, the island of Oahu. We encourage you and your family to take full advantage of it while stationed here.

To help you with a smooth transition, we have several resources to assist you in your move to the Island. First you can reach the Division Sponsorship and Family information page at <http://www.25idl.army.mil/newcomers.html>. Here you will find great information on travel with pets, schools, vehicle shipping and registration, lodging, Exceptional Family Member info, housing information, and much more. You will learn things unique to Hawaii, like ensuring you get an insurance card from your insurance company with the “watermark” on it- a requirement for the state of Hawaii. In addition to resources found at the Division’s website, the Schofield Barracks Army Community Services offers a wide variety of classes, events and counseling which can greatly assist you with your move to Hawaii. You can reach them on their website <http://www.himwr.com/acs> or at (808) 655-4227

Again, welcome to the “Tropic Thunder” DIVARTY, we look forward to serving you while we lead, train, maintain, and care for the very best of soldiers in the United States Army.

If you have any questions or inquiries about HHB, 25<sup>TH</sup> ID DIVARTY, feel free to contact the Battery Training Room at (808) 655-5056 or our Family Readiness Group leader at [hbb.25divartyfrg@gmail.com](mailto:hbb.25divartyfrg@gmail.com)

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## 25th Infantry Division Artillery History

The Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 25th Infantry Division Artillery was constituted on 26 August 1941 in the Army of The United States as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 25th Division Artillery. The unit was activated on 1 October 1941 in the territory of Hawaii. The 25th Division Artillery was allotted on 27 June 1949 to the Regular Army. On 1 February 1957 the unit was redesignated as Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 25th Infantry Division Artillery.

During World War II, Army non-divisional field artillery units within the Pacific area were almost nonexistent until 1944. Although non-divisional Army field artillery units were not used on Guadalcanal, the XIV Corps Artillery commander coordinated the artillery battalions of the 25th Infantry Division and 2d Marine Divisions to maximize field artillery support. From this point on, the 25th Infantry Division Artillery units played a vitally important role in the Pacific.

During the Korean War, the 25th Infantry Division Artillery entered the Korean conflict from Japan on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1950. By August 13<sup>th</sup>, 1950, all of the 25th's Field Artillery Battalions had arrived in Korea and the guns of the 25th Infantry Division Artillery played a major role in what was deemed the first attack by the 25th Infantry Division and first sizeable victory by U.S. Forces.

During the Vietnam War, the 25th Infantry Division Artillery fought alongside the rest of the division units by fighting with five artillery battalions in a combined 59 campaigns, decisively engaging in operations to destroy their elusive enemy, to include fighting during The Tet offensive of 1968, and offensives against enemy sanctuaries in Cambodia during 1970. By April 1971 all division units returned to Hawaii after a seven-year fight in Southeast Asia.

The 25th Infantry Division Artillery's last deployment was to Afghanistan in June 2004. The unit was officially designated combined task force thunder on June 29. Commanded by now Major General Gary Cheek, the 25th Infantry Division Artillery was tasked with voter registration site security, training and equipping the Afghan National Police and security forces, and continuing Afghan reconstruction projects. On June 1, 2005, the 25th Infantry Division Artillery successfully completed its mission and return to Schofield Barracks, HI.

As part of the army transformation taking place at the time, the Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 25th Infantry Division Artillery was deactivated effective 15 November 2005.

#### CAMPAIGN PARTICIPATION CREDIT

- World War II: Central Pacific; Guadalcanal; Northern Solomons; Luzon  
Korean War: UN Defensive; UN Offensive; CCF Intervention; First UN Counteroffensive; CCF Spring Offensive; UN Summer-Fall Offensive; Second Korean Winter; Korea, Summer-Fall; 1952 Third Korean Winter; Korea, Summer 1953  
Vietnam: Counteroffensive; Counteroffensive, Phase II; Counteroffensive, Phase III; Tet Counteroffensive; Counteroffensive, Phase IV; Counteroffensive, Phase V; Counteroffensive, Phase VI; Tet 69/Counteroffensive; Summer-Fall 1969; Winter-Spring 1970; Sanctuary Counteroffensive; Counteroffensive, Phase VII

#### DECORATIONS

- Meritorious Unit Commendation (Army) for VIETNAM 1968  
Philippine Presidential Unit Citation for 17 OCTOBER 1944 TO 4 JULY 1945  
Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation for MASAN-CHINJU  
Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation for MUNSAN-NI  
Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm for VIETNAM 1966-1968  
Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm for VIETNAM 1968-1970  
Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class for VIETNAM 1966-1970